New Century International Middle School

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Dear Titan Families:

I hope the school year is off to a successful start for you and your child. I am writing this letter to let you know that New Century International Middle School has been designated as an Additional Targeted Support & Improvement (ATSI) school by the North Carolina State Board of Education. Per ESSA Section 1111(d)(2), schools are identified as ATSI schools in North Carolina because one or more of the following subgroups received a subgroup performance grade score at or below the highest identified CSI-LP school's All Students group during the identification year; and is on the TSI-CU list for the subgroup(s) for the previous year. Subgroup performance scores are provided for the following subgroups: (1) Students with Disabilities, (2) Economically Disadvantaged, (3) Black, (4) White, (5) Hispanic, (6) Asian-Pacific Islander, (7) Multi-racial, and (8) English Learners. This letter is to notify our parents and guardians of New Century International Middle School intentions to improve educational outcomes for underperforming student subgroups and close achievement gaps for all students.

As a ATSI school, New Century International Middle School is required to develop an Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) plan that specifically addresses how the school will improve outcomes for underperforming subgroups. The plan will also include strategies that our district will employ to support New Century International Middle School improvement efforts. The ATSI plan will address the following areas:

- Standards-aligned Instruction
- Professional Learning Communities (PLCs)
- Instructional Leadership
- Data-Driven Decision Making
- Family and Community Engagement

We have set the following goals for New Century International Middle School this year:

- ELA Goal 25-26 SY 67.7%, Math Goal 25-26 SY 68.2%, Science Goal 25-26 SY 84.8%, SPG Goal 25-26 SY 70%

Here are some strategies that we will be implementing to improve student outcomes:

- Remediation
- Small group instruction/IE Block(Intervention and Enrichment Block)
- Athletic study-hall
- Afterschool tutoring, ELA, Math, Science

Also, parent engagement is at the heart of our school improvement efforts. Here are some ways we can work together:

- Ensure that both you and your child know the academic expectations set for your child this school year. A list of learning objectives in student-friendly language is available from your student's teacher(s).
- Call Dr. Gemette McEachern at 910-487-2001 if you have questions or concerns about your student or to set up an appointment to meet with a school staff member who will be working with your child.
- Make sure that your child is prepared and attends school each day.
- Monitor your child's homework.
- Monitor the progress your child is making and attend meetings with your child's teacher(s).
- Keep track of our website and social media sites ***ncims@ccs.k12.nc.us***
- Volunteer
- Join the NCIMS PTA

Additionally, listed below are a few resources available to help:

- Graduation requirements: www.ncpublicschools.org/gradrequirements/
- K-12 standards in academic subjects: www.ncpublicschools.org/curriculum/
- State student achievement test results: www.ncpublicschools.org/accountability/
- N.C. School Report Cards: https://ncreportcards.ondemand.sas.com/src

We are committed to improving student performance. It is important to remember that just as no single score or grade tells the whole story of a student, neither does it tell you everything about a school's performance or the opportunities that our school provides. The intent of receiving these designations is to improve educational outcomes for all students, close achievement gaps, increase equity, and improve the quality of instruction. We're excited about this school year and are working to make it a success for your child. Already, we have:

- Exceeded growth for the 2024-2025 school year.

- We have implemented a new mentoring program Building Better Men for boys and Radiant Rubies for girls.

- We will continue Homework Club and afterschool tutoring for reading, math, and science support.

If you have questions about the content of this letter, please contact Dr. Gemette McEachern at gemettemceachern@ccs.k12.nc.us or 910-487-2001.

Sincerely,

Dr. Gemette McEachern